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ARGUMENT.

THE scene of the First Act is laid in the South of France, near the Spanish frontier. The occasion being a fête in honor of Nanine, niece of the Duc de Trop. The young lady is in love with Marcel Dubois, but the Duc opposes their marriage. The Marquis Beauseant, having just returned from his wedding tour, attends the fête with his bride, where he unexpectedly meets the widow (Donna Paquita) to whom he had been engaged, but had deserted, and, unknown to Paquita, married Adele Henriques for her fortune. To her surprise, the widow learns that he has discarded her and married another. A stormy interview ensues, in which she reproaches him for his perfidy, and in order to punish him pretends to drown herself. The Marquis, in endeavoring to prevent her, is observed by Passepoil, an attendant, who (not having seen the widow, and hearing the Marquis repeating her last words as he runs toward the water) imagines the Marquis is about to commit suicide, endeavors to stay him. The Marquis thinking Passepoil was a witness to the drowning of the widow, and that he (the Marquis) was the cause, buys Passepoil's silence, and resolves to fly from the neighborhood.

The Second Act opens at the château of Madame Grizzelle, at Narbonne, where we find the Marquis Beauseant under the assumed name of Mons. Guiboulard, having dropped his title and discarded his real name for fear of detection as the murderer of the widow. Madame Grizzelle endeavors to secure him as the husband for her daughter Lizette, who is in love with Gaspar Minard, whom Madame has never seen. Gaspar pays Lizette a visit, and having learned that Madame Grizzelle is a very dear friend of Adele, Marchioness Beauseant, and unacquainted with the Marquis, introduces himself to Madame Grizzelle as the Marquis Beauseant. M. Guiboulard (the true Marquis Beauseant) meets Gaspar, who, not knowing he is addressing the real Marquis, informs him that he is the Marquis Beauseant. Guiboulard, fearing he is a spy endeavoring to trace out the circumstances of the drowning of the widow, dares not expose him. Passepoil, who has lately been engaged by Madame Grizzelle as an attendant, comes in contact with the Marquis, who again purchases his silence in regard to the affair at the fête. Nanine, who is a guest at the château of Madame Grizzelle, in order to prevent a marriage, on which the Duc, her uncle, insists, persuades M. Guiboulard (the Marquis) to represent himself to the Duc as her husband. During the interview Guiboulard accidentally drops a card, on which are his real name and title. The Marchioness shortly afterward arrives at the château; the Duc shows her the card, and informs her that the Marquis Beauseant is the husband of his niece.

In the Third Act the Marquis, fearing discovery as the cause of the drowning of the widow, refuses to tell his wife the reason of his disguising his name and title. Madame Grizzelle, still under the impression that Gaspar is the Marquis Beauseant, and mistaking their reserve, upon his meeting the Marchioness, for a slight domestic difficulty, endeavors to heal the breach, much to the annoyance of the true Marquis. The widow, Donna Paquita, comes upon the scene, and the Marquis, believing her to have been drowned, imagines that he has seen her ghost. Passepoil then defines the situation Marlame Grizzelle forgives Gaspar the deception he practised on her and consents to his union with Lizette. Nanine i, united to Marcel. The widow finally persuades the Duc to offer her his hand, and the Marquis being relieved of his fears, explains all to the Marchioness.

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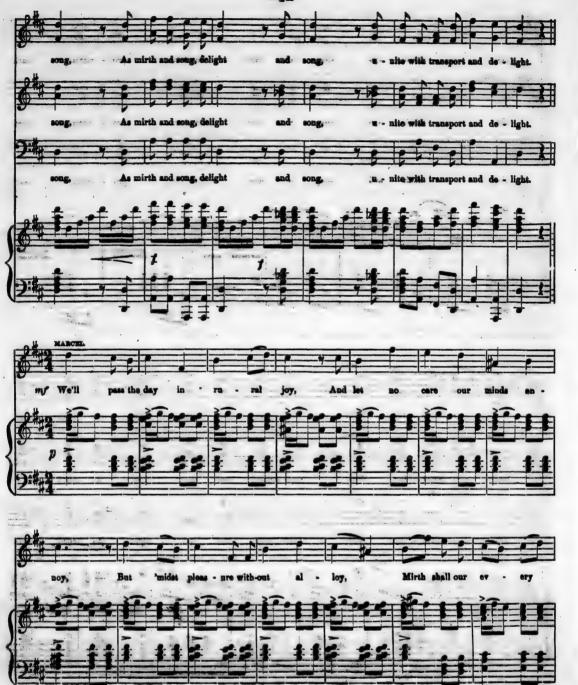




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"OH! TRUST MY LOVE."









"I AM LOVED."

No. 3. Marcel.







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"THEY ALWAYS DO."

No. 5. Dona Paquita. Duc de Trop.









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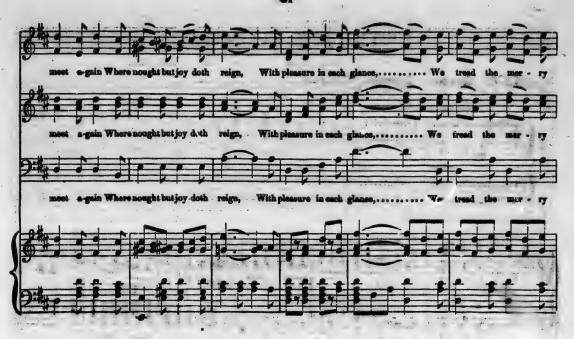
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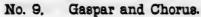








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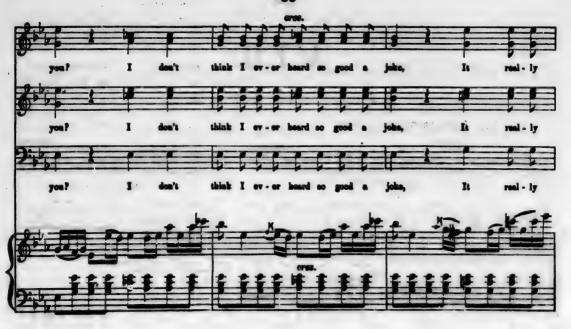


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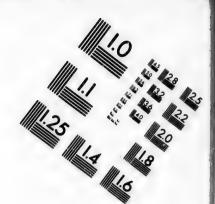
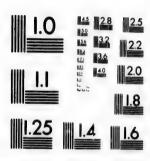


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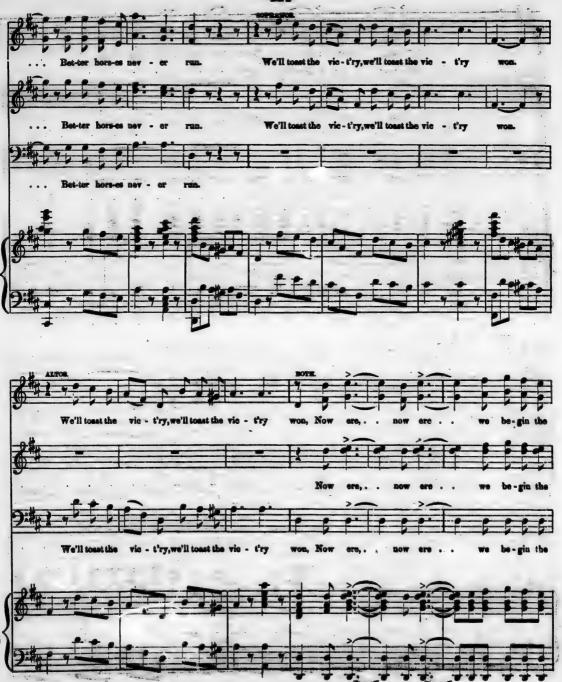
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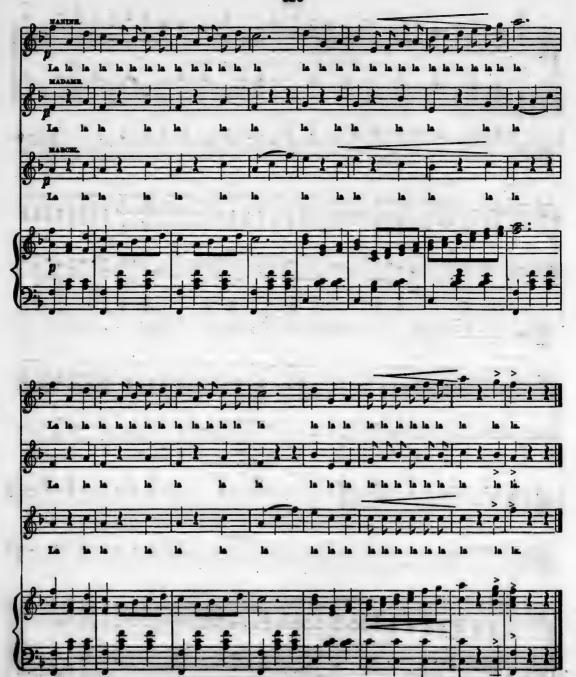




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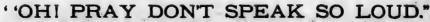
















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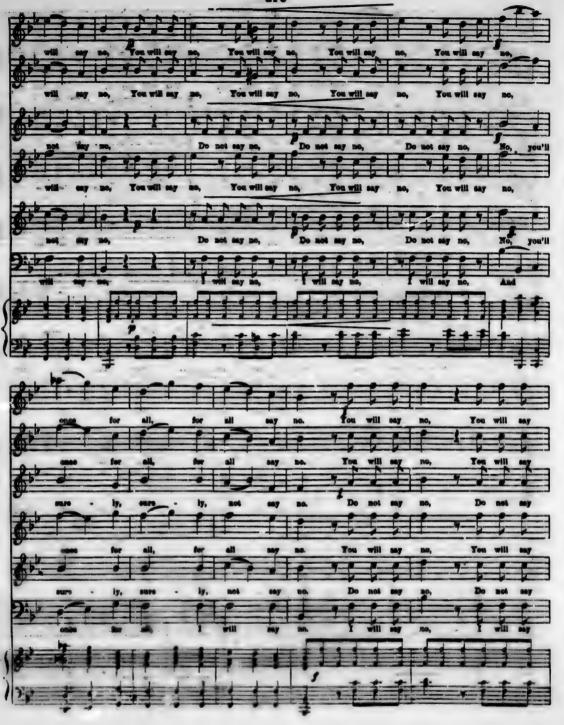




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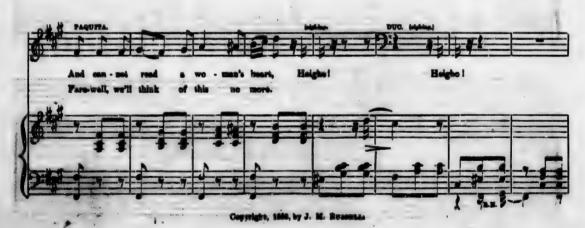


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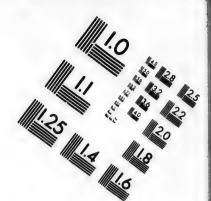
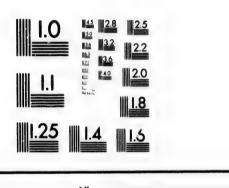


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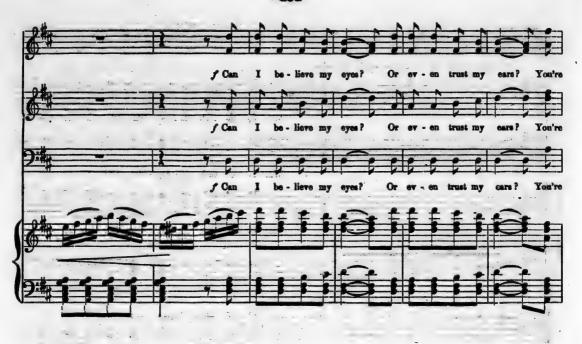
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